

Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at the Gobowen Pavilion, Gobowen at 7.00pm

In the Chair – Cllr Ellis

Present: Councillors: S Crow, H Ellis, D Lloyd, T Broom, E Morgan, I Bennett, R. Jones, J Davies, P Cherrington, S West-Wynn, P Drury, S Westwood Bate, C Emery, R Macey, L Lindup

Also present: 16 members of the public

557 To receive apologies and reasons for absence

All present

558 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following declaration: Cllr Lloyd declared an interest in planning application 16/05745/FUL
- b) To consider any applications for dispensation. **None Received.**

559 To confirm the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14.12.16

It was RESOLVED to confirm the minutes of the council meeting held on 14.12.16 and they were approved and duly signed as a true record.

560 Public Participation session - a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public to speak on items on the agenda.

Members of the public spoke on the following topics:

- The Chair of Ifton Colliery Commemorative Project spoke about the project and the proposal for a statue. The proposals have been quoted at between £25k and £40k. They are also planning to have a medal struck to commemorate the anniversary which will retail at around £25 per medal and will be available in the Spring. The Project Group are requesting a letter of support for the project from Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council, signed by each councillor. A small contribution was also requested. An information event will take place on Saturday 18th February where the statue project will be formally launched. It was **RESOLVED** that this request be placed on the February agenda for discussion and that a donation be considered a part of the grants at the March meeting.
- Request made for double white lines along St Martin's Road.
- Planning – mast at proposed solar farm – Concerns expressed about why the provision of internet access was not considered when the initial planning application was put in. Alternatives to a mast are available. Concerns about 'Planning Creep' raised. At present there is significant work taking place so the applicant must think the scheme is viable. It is an area where helicopters do low flying and will be seen from miles around.
- Phone signal is very poor in Rhosygadfa. The Mast will swamp phone signal in the area.
- Disruption on the roads as a result of the Solar Farm Development.

Cllr Lloyd provided an update on recent developments in regards to the application for the Mast and how the initial notification of this application went to the neighbouring parish – a serious mistake made by Shropshire Council Planning. As a result an, additional 21 day extension was granted.

- Middle Hengoed Footpath Issues 0310/6/1_2 – City Lane South Path and ongoing historic issues. On 5th Sept 2015 an altercation took place because of a dispute over a path and whether it ran on one side of the hedge or another. Request for the Parish Council to ask that Shropshire Council consider devoting more time and resources to ROW. **RESOLVED** to discuss Rights of Way at a future meeting and also raise with Parish Paths Partnership.

561 Reports

- Progress Report** – To consider the Clerk's progress report. **RESOLVED** to note the report.
- Shropshire Council** - To receive and consider reports from Shropshire Council elected councillors and receive and answer questions

Cllr Lloyd reported on the following:

- He was pleased that the Leader of Shropshire Council has not gone for a petition to go for a referendum to increase council tax.

Cllr Macey reported on the following:

- Selattyn Wall – Inspection Schedule. This will be on an annual basis and they are happy to share inspection findings with the Parish. In addition to the BD79 (structures at risk) inspections the area will still be inspected as part of the normal highway maintenance inspection regime, where the local highway technician inspects carriageways and footways for safety defects. If any deterioration in the wall is identified it will be reported and additional structural inspections will be undertaken as necessary. If the barriers are causing an obstruction, they can be removed. It was **RESOLVED** that the barriers do need removing as requested at the December meeting.
- Gobowen Central Meeting – Grant received to repaint the whole of the building, new signage going up, friends of Gobowen central have a number of events planned, looking to do a survey about what activities people want to see there. Looking to make some changes to the internal space to make it more flexible re: furniture etc. Marches Growth Hub – every other month will be running a clinic from there. Other ideas for training and schemes have been discussed.
- LIC – Cluster meeting on 19th January

Questions for Shropshire Council Elected Councillors

Q: Brogyntyn – CIL money. Deprived of CIL money. Who made this decision not to give the CIL money back to the community? The building will go on to be sold and the developer will then benefit. Concerns put to the elected councillors to take forward.

A: This went to External Auditor as a slightly different process. It went through Cabinet. Any profit from the sale and development will go back to the restoration of the building.

Q: CIL – Why will Shropshire Council not tell Parish Council's where the money has come from. The Public are entitled to know

A: Parish Council should Invite Adrian Cooper to attend a future meeting – A possible Annual Parish Meeting Topic

Q: Has Brogyntyn Hall been sold?

A: Still in the same ownership as far as aware

- Other Reports** - Reports from councillors attending meetings and site visits on behalf of the parish council.

Cllr Morgan reported on the recent meeting of the Oswestry Racecourse Conservation Group – The Lions are 100 years this year and want to plant trees up on the Racecourse and are holding a meeting on Wednesday 18th January to discuss the options with them.

- Police reports** including reported incidents, the monthly police and CCTV report. **RESOLVED** to note the reports.

- 'Hands Off Old Oswestry Hillfort' (HOOOH)**

Report from the group about the next HUG, work plans with English Heritage on maintenance and biodiversity and future projects. Request for the Parish Council's support in the future to take things

further. Undertaken a series of Seminars and the 3rd one will be taking place 11th and 12th February and focusing on Ecology. The ecology of the site has restricted English Heritage's involvement and a full ecology survey of the site has now been completed and submitted to English Heritage. The Hillfort is a Heritage Gateway/Zone to the north of Oswestry – promoting all of the Tourism opportunities in the area and a better understanding of heritage in the community. The Local Plan Review and Urban expansion of Oswestry was noted. They will be submitting some funding applications in over the next few months and seeking the support of the Council. Councillors raised issues with accessibility in terms of signage to the site and limited car parking. This is essential to giving the Hillfort the national profile it deserves. Suggestion for a future seminar to be held in the Parish. **RESOLVED** to note the report.

562 Financial Matters

- Monthly statement** - To approve the monthly financial statement and bank statements against bank reconciliation. **RESOLVED** to approve.
- Payments** - To approve outstanding payments and payments made prior to meeting. **RESOLVED** to approve.

BACS/Chq Payments made before 11.01.17					Act
Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	
	Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Current Account Cheque Payments					
Chq	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	
300683	Daren Brewer October Invoice (bus shelters and railway carriage £45.00)	45.00	0.00	45.00	SC Maint. Fund HA 1980 s.96 LG (MP)A 1953 s.4 / PCA 1957 s.1
300684	HMRC Inland Revenue Payments (Clerk NI & Tax) + PC NI contribution (72.32)	192.29	0.00	192.29	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	Total	237.29	0.00	237.29	
	Total cheques paid since last meeting	237.29	0.00	237.29	
BACS, Standing Orders and DD payments					
BACS No.					
BACS54	Highline Electrical - Lights out SG62, SG139, SG12 + Labour	305.75	61.15	366.90	PCA 1957 ss.3(1) & 7 / HA 1980 s.301 / OSA 1906 s.10
BACS55	Parish Clerk's Expenses (Telephone and Broadband Contribution 21.00, Mileage 30.15, stamps 8.25)	59.40	0.00	59.40	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
BACS56	Ass. to the Parish Clerk's Expenses (refuse sacks 1.40, bathroom gloves 2.50, wet wipes 0.50, 2017 diary 2.50, printouts 2.25)	9.15	0.00	9.15	LG(FP)A 1963 s 5
DD	Pavilion Gas - First payment to Npower (taken on 19.12.16)	54.11	2.70	56.81	S. 111, LGA 1972
DD	Pension Contribution (Employer 7.14, Staff 5.71).	12.85	0.00	12.85	LGPSR SI 2007/1166, LGPS SI 2008/238& 239
DD	BT Business Bill - Pavilion Phoneline and Broadband - Now paid as a combined bill - monthly. Waiting for first bill on this account to be generated	0.00	0.00	0.00	
DD	Veolia (payment taken on 28.01.17)	26.08	5.22	31.30	LGA 1972 s.214(6)

SO	Clerk's Salary	1074.41	0.00	1074.41	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
SO	Ass. to Parish Clerk's Salary	649.94	0.00	649.94	LGA 1972 s.112(2)
	TOTAL	2191.69	69.07	2260.76	
	Total outgoings for January	2428.98	69.07	2498.05	
Current Account Income					
120	Cemetery Income - Purchase of plot 371 (non-parishioner) and Interment Fees	1130.00	0.00	1130.00	
120	Interment Fees - 2nd Burial	130.00	0.00	130.00	
BACS	Interest on Unity Trust Deposit Account (paid 31.12.16)	5.82	0.00	5.82	
BACS	Interest on HSBC Business Money Manager Account December	2.47	0.00	2.47	
	TOTAL INCOME	1268.29	0.00	1268.29	
Community Meals Account Payments					
	Supplier	Net	Vat	Gross	
BACSCM16	K Griffiths - Expenses Dec	16.65	0.00	16.65	
	TOTAL	16.65	0.00	16.65	
Community Meals Income					
000041	Direct Payment - Jan Meals	44.00	0.00	44.00	
000041	Dec meal payments	352.00	0.00	352.00	
	TOTAL INCOME	396.00	0.00	396.00	

- c) **Income** -To note income received since the last meeting. **RESOLVED** to note.
- d) **3rd Quarter Budget Report** – To consider. **RESOLVED** to note.
- e) **Staff Training on Elections**– To consider request from the Clerk to attend. **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's request.
- f) **Staff Mobile Telephone Contract** – Discuss and agree contract. The contract offered by BT was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the BT offer. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk inform the Parish Council insurers and that the staff member who has the phone in their possession signs an agreement stating that they will not exceed the data allowance once they have been notified that it has been reached. It was **FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk set up a monthly Direct Debit for payment.
- g) **BT Broadband Contract** – To note new Direct Debit for combined BT bills. **RESOLVED** to note.

563 Planning Items

a) Planning Application Decisions – To note recent planning decisions

Reference: 16/04714/FUL (validated: 25/10/2016)

Address: Derwen College , Whittington Road, Gobowen, SY11 3JA

Proposal: Conversion of existing building for use as an educational and practical training facility (recycling and materials sorting) in associated with the Derwen College.

Decision: Grant Permission

RESOLVED to note.

20.17 - The meeting was adjourned for a short break to consider planning applications

20.27 – The meeting recommenced

b) Planning applications for consideration

Reference: 16/05277/COU (validated: 07/12/2016)

Address: Penybont Farm, Selattyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7LL

Proposal: Change of use of 2No rooms from therapy rooms back to domestic use.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application

Reference: 16/05552/REM (validated: 07/12/2016)

Address: Tilings , Whittington Road, Gobowen, SY11 3NA

Proposal: Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to outline application 13/01005/OUT for a residential development and alterations to access road (to include appearance, landscaping, layout and scale)

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- Concerns regarding the accumulated traffic from the 3 sites in a location where there are already speeding concerns
- To consider this application, the Parish Council need the Highways comments that will look at the impact of both plans together on that junction
- The Parish Council echo the statutory consultees comments
- The Parish Council request to be re-consulted when the information is provided on the SUDS, Public Open Space and Waste.

Reference: 16/05650/FUL (validated: 22/12/2016)

Address: Mardy Farm, Hengoed, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7EY

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey extension

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application

Reference: 16/05745/FUL (validated: 20/12/2016)

Address: Holiday Chalets Henlle Hall , Preeshenlle Lane, Gobowen, SY10 7AX

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for change of use of land for the siting of 10 no. holiday chalets; formation of access road; installation of package treatment plant

It was **RESOLVED** to submit an **OBJECTION** with the following comments:

- Over development of the site without giving thought to its country setting
- Access for Emergency Services is a concern due to the internal layout of the site
- The positioning of the Chalet next to Gardener's Cottage, which has not been built where it is shown on the plans has raised concerns about the new development and the sighting of the proposed chalets.
- Waste disposal must be brought under building control standards giving the commercial scale of the development of the site.
- Change of use is detrimental and this application is proposing development in open countryside.

Reference: 16/05635/FUL (validated: 04/01/2017)

Address: Brogyntyn Hall , Brogyntyn, Oswestry, SY10 7DA

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act for the temporary works to facilitate safer access including dismantling small section of existing stone boundary wall and set existing side gateway back further from highway and laying of temporary hardstanding

It was **RESOLVED** to submit an **OBJECTION** with the following comments:

- A traffic management survey to be done on the Oswestry to Selattyn Road
- Consideration to be given to the use of another existing, alternative access between Pant Glas and the Racecourse.
- If approved it must be reinstated once completed.

Cllr Jones left the meeting

Reference: 16/05636/LBC (validated: 04/01/2017)

Address: Brogyntyn Hall , Brogyntyn, Oswestry, SY10 7DA

Proposal: Temporary works to facilitate safer access including dismantling small section of existing stone boundary wall and set existing side gateway back further from highway and laying of temporary hardstanding affecting a Grade II Listed Building

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **OBJECTION** with the following comments:

- A traffic management survey to be done on the Oswestry to Selattyn Road
- Consideration to be given to the use of another existing, alternative access between Pant Glas and the Racecourse.
- If approved it must be reinstated once completed.

Reference: 16/05790/FUL (validated: 05/01/2017)

Address: Daywell Manor Cottage, Daywell, Gobowen, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7EJ

Proposal: Erection of two storey rear extension

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council have no comments to make on this application

Reference: 17/00048/TCA (validated: 05/01/2017)

Address: Brummagen Bank, Pant-glas, Oswestry, Shropshire, SY10 7HR

Proposal: To fell 1No. Ash tree and 3No. Sycamore trees; lop branch growing over road of 1No. Beech tree and lop strong branches growing over gateway to wood of 1No. Sycamore tree within Pant Glas And Brogyntyn Park Conservation Area

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a **NEUTRAL REPRESENTATION** with the following comments:

- The Parish Council do not object

It was RESOLVED that the following application be discussed first:

Reference: 16/05607/FUL (validated: 12/12/2016)

Address: Proposed Solar Farm At Rhosygadfa Gobowen Shropshire

Proposal: Temporary siting of telecom mast to support recently approved solar farm

It was asked that elected members convey the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with mishandling of the application and lack of notice.

It was **RESOLVED** to submit an **OBJECTION** with the following comments:

- The proposed mast would be detrimental to the landscape and the Parish Council object on the grounds that this will have a significant visual impact on what is meant to be a low profile development.
- Alternative solution – The Parish Council propose that you investigate connecting up to other nearby cabinets and sources of fibre optic broadband.

c) 16/05257/VAR106 – Housing Needs Survey – Discuss. The logistics of a Housing Needs Survey was discussed and that it is the wider community who would like to know about the opportunities in the area. Other suggestions including running a PR piece in the local press were discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to put a copy of the survey on the website, promote on Social Media and in the press and put hard copies in key locations such as the Gobowen Library and Last Inn in Hengoed.

21.00 - It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders

564 Streetlights

- a) Streetlight Maintenance Contract 2017 – 2020** – Consider quotes. **RESOLVED** to accept QUOTE A. The Clerk is to issue them a letter offering them the contract for 2017-2020.
- b) SG5** – Agree quote to replace LED Lantern. The Clerk reported that the vandalism had been reported to the police and a crime number given. The police said that the PCSO would do door to door enquiries to ask if anyone had seen anything suspicious. **RESOLVED** to shelve the replacement for 3 months and discuss anti vandalism options.

565 New Play Equipment – Funding update from the Clerk and consider quotes for supplying and installing the new unit.

The Clerk provided an update on funding and reported that all 4 funding applications had been successful. 5 quotes for different units from different suppliers were considered. It was **RESOLVED** to accept **QUOTE A** for a target multi-climber unit and for the Clerk to place the order.

566 BT Kiosk Consultation

- a) Discuss and agree response to consultation

The options were as follows:

1. Object to removal- this will retain the operational phone and kiosk as it is currently, where it is considered that the telephone is still required.
2. Consent to removal- this will result in both the telephone and kiosk being removed, if it is considered that it is no longer required. – Twmpath Lane
3. Consent to removal and adopt- if the Parish Council wish to retain the kiosk, they can opt to adopt the kiosk from BT for £1. This will however result in the telephone itself being removed, leaving the Parish Council with just the kiosk. – Hengoed

It was RESOLVED to select option 2 for the kiosk on Twmpath Lane (consent to removal) and option 3 for the kiosk in Hengoed (remove phone equipment and adopt the kiosk)

- b) Discuss possible uses for the Kiosk. Possible options including a wifi hotspot were discussed. It was **RESOLVED** to discuss options further when the Kiosk has been formally adopted.

567 Consultations – Discuss responses

- a) **Shropshire Local Plan Review – RESOLVED** to note the information provided and consider the full consultation at the February meeting.
- b) **Freight Strategy Survey – RESOLVED** to approve the response drafted by the clerk.
- c) **Shropshire Bus Strategy – RESOLVED** to approve the response drafted by the clerk.

568 RJA Hospital – The Impact of the NHS Reorganisation – Discuss

It was noted that the RJA Hospital is home to a number of services that are currently under threat.

It was **RESOLVED** to monitor the impact.

569 Annual Parish Meeting – Discuss Dates and Format

The Clerk proposed holding the APM earlier this year to avoid the Purdah period before elections in May. It was **RESOLVED** to set the date for the APM as Thursday 2nd March, 7.00pm at the Gobowen Pavilion.

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to invite Adrian Cooper as a speaker to talk on CIL and development, Place Plan and provide an opportunity for the community to make suggestions about what they would like to spend CIL on

570 50th Anniversary of the Parish Council – Discuss

The Chair reported that he will contribute his Chairman's allowance for 2016/17 to produce a commemorative booklet to go out with the roundabout to document the war memorials and war graves. **RESOLVED** to note and begin to draw up plans for how this booklet would be structured and start to research content.

571 Correspondence forwarded to Councillors for consideration and information

To note:

- a) E-Newsletters - Public Sector Executive, Rural Services Network, Rural, NALC and SALC Bulletins, Shropshire Campaign for Better Broadband, NHS Future Fit Digest, 3 Parishes Big Local Messenger
- b) NALC Newsletter and Bulletin on National Developments and Meetings – No extension to Council Tax Referendum Principles
- c) Shropshire Council – Big Conversation Updated

- d) SALC – Dec 16th Bulletin
- e) Newsletter - VCSA
- f) Post Office – Acknowledgment of letter requesting post box at Wat's Meadow
- g) Road Scheme Notification: A5 / B5070 Gledrid Roundabout
- h) Road Closure Notification: Middleton Road, Oswestry
- i) West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner – Newsletter
- j) Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- k) Keep our Shropshire History Alive – Concert
- l) Garreg Lwyd Hill Wind Farm – Turbine Delivery Updates

For Discussion

- a) **Gobowen Station Building, an Asset of Community Value** – notification of intent to sell and period when community interest groups can make written requests

RESOLVED to note.

- 572 a) **Date of meeting** - To note date, time and location of the next meeting. It was noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 8th February at 7.00pm at the Gobowen Pavilion. The Full Council budget meeting will be held on Thursday 26th January at 7.00pm.
- b) **Visit to the Derwen** – Agree Date and Time. It was **RESOLVED** to circulate possible dates and Cllrs to let the Clerk know which dates are the most suitable.

Meeting closed at 21.23